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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/065,499	Applicant(s) LAFLAMME ET AL.	
	Examiner NEIL LEVY	Art Unit 1615	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-55 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 17-55 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-55 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Group--I-invention

in the reply filed on 12/12/05 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that SPECIES requirement is not understood. This is not found persuasive because examiner requested selection between canned, baked, extruded food forms, they will be considered equivalent as argued for by applicant..

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim 17-55 stand withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected INVENTIONS, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on 12/12/05.

The IDS appears to have been filed without a 1449 and references; please re-submit.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim3-6, 8-16 are----- r rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 3-6 have no antecedent for feline. It is not clear at what age constitutes senior.

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The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated
Vickery 620820

The instant composition is shown, (col 6) suitable for cats, no patentable weight given to future intended comparison with other compositions. A feed is shown at claims 24, with both lysine and cystine-a cysteine source (col 3, lines 234-35).

Claim 1, 7, 8, 14, 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by IAMS '93.

See Purrrfect complemtn-2 amino acids in canned feed for adult (senior) cats. A cat food Cats Fancy, has methionine at 32% protein.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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Claim 1-3, 7-10, 16 are- rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over LabDiet' 98.

See Ferret Diet-meets cat diet as claimed as the composition.

Claim 1, 2, 7-9, 11, 13, 14, 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over IAMS '93 or Merck '67 in view of Vickery 6203820.

IAMS has cat diets at 28% protein for seniors. Merck teaches cats, seniors need 30% proteins (p 1354) in cooked feeds. Amino acid supplementation is not mentioned. Vickery (above) shows advantageous supplementation.

It would be obvious to the cat dietitian to prepare baked feed at 30% protein, supplemented with lysine and or cystine, to provide advantageous enhanced health as taught by Vickery.

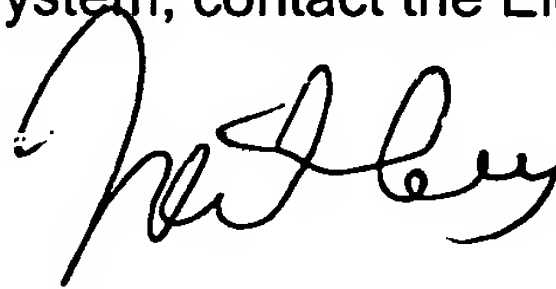
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NEIL LEVY whose telephone number is 571-272-0619.

The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday, 7 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, THURMAN PAGE can be reached on 571-272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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